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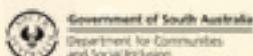
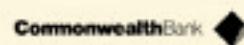
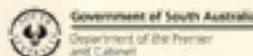
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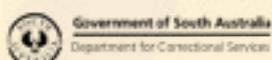
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MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS AND SUPPORTERS:



ALRM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

"We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaura people today.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here".



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ABOUT ALRM

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)

ALRM is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation. It is governed by 10 Directors who are appointed from Aboriginal communities from metropolitan and country centres across South Australia.

Through the provision of legal services and associated activities, ALRM promotes legal, cultural, economic, political and social rights for dispossessed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout South Australia.

ALRM's major aim is to advance the legal interests of Aboriginal people in South Australia and to ensure that those interests and rights are protected by the law and not adversely affected by abuse or misuse of any powers under the law.

ALRM provides comprehensive legal advice and assistance through our staff, lawyers and where appropriate by briefing private lawyers to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people resident in South Australia



ALRM LOCATIONS

ALRM'S FREECALL NUMBER 1800 643 222.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**The Honourable Christian Porter MP
Attorney General
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600**

Dear Attorney

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement for the Financial Year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

On behalf of the ALRM Board of Directors, I extend our appreciation to the Australian Government for its ongoing financial support to The Movement, to provide culturally safe and accessible Aboriginal legal services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples of South Australia.

Yours sincerely

**SANDRA MILLER
ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

ALRM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SANDRA SAUNDERS
CHAIRPERSON



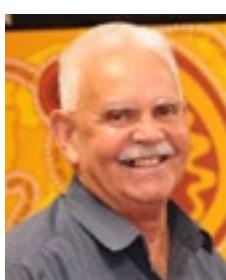
SANDRA MILLER
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON



BRENDA CARTER



LUCY EVANS



FRANK LAMPARD



LYN JONES



DAVID RATHMAN



ROSNEY SNELL



ALRM is an Aboriginal community controlled organisation governed by an all Aboriginal Board of Directors, appointed by an independent Appointment Committee. Our board meets quarterly. If you are interested in becoming an ALRM Director, please contact the CEO in the first instance. Your expression of interest will be forwarded to the chair of the Board Appointment Committee.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Sandra Miller
Acting Chairperson

Welcome to the ALRM 2019/2020 Annual Report.

This year has placed us all in very different and challenging circumstances in dealing with both the coming to the end of our funding under the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program (ILAP) and with dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have been very fortunate that South Australia has managed to get through the pandemic with very little impact in comparison to other states and territories and I take this opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to all Aboriginal communities in SA, that took the brave step to close communities, to reduce the potential of the pandemic on our elders, families and young people. ALRM responded by amending its service delivery approach during this period. We are happy to report that we have maintained our ability to support our people within the justice system.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge our staff at ALRM, who have worked tirelessly and often on the front line of our service delivery. Special thanks goes to our legal officers who continued to represent our community in court, even when other services providers were not available due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The ALRM Board has taken steps to look at ways we can retain our most experienced staff within the organisation by presenting a case to our funders about salary parity across the legal services. We also want to ensure that quality of service delivery is first and foremost and our staff well-being is maintained.

The ALRM Board held a two day planning session in March 2020 with the senior management team. Our aim was to review our work to date, and to identify how we can further improved the quality of service delivery and outcomes for our people in the justice system in SA. ALRM Directors remain committed to ensuring we continue to improve our service delivery. We are reviewing ALRMs priorities in line with the needs of the community, along with developing our next strategic plan. The ALRM Board is considering changing its name and amending the constitution, so that it better reflects community control and decision making. In addition, we are seeking ways to build on our capacity to fund the gaps in the demands placed on our service. We welcome members' feedback to the vision of the Board.

We encourage our Aboriginal community members and Aboriginal organisations to join up as members of ALRM. We aim to grow our members to attract future Board of Directors. It is also very important that younger members of our community join the Board of Directors so that we better reflect the next generation of leaders who will continue this work. If you are an Aboriginal person between the ages of 18 and 35, and a member of ALRM, we would love to hear from you.

ALRM offers governance training and a great opportunity to work with some of South Australia's most experienced members of our community. We call upon community support to please share and encourage community members to become a member of ALRM. Membership forms are accessible on the ALRM website www.alrm.org.au

Until next year

Sandra Miller, Acting Chair



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Cheryl Axleby

Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the 2019/20 Annual General Meeting.

This last year has seen the transition of our funding from the Commonwealth Government from the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program (ILAP) to the National Legal Assistance Program. This means that the independent ILAP – which funded all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services Australia wide including its National body the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services was defunded by the Commonwealth Government.

There has been a great deal of work done to date to finalise our commitments under ILAP and to develop a new partnership with the SA Attorney-General's Department which holds the funding for the National Legal Assistance Program. ALRM will transition into the new agreement as of 1 July 2020.

We have faced many challenges with COVID-19 and I am very proud of the great work undertaken by our lawyers and Aboriginal field officers who remained at the coalface with supporting our people through the court system and after hours on a daily basis.

Our Board, our Executive Management and our Staff have all worked tirelessly to ensure we implement safety standards across our workplace during COVID-19 shutdown period in SA. The fallout from COVID-19 is the large workload as a result of delayed court matters. With the ever increasing numbers of our people before the SA Justice System, ALRM had to implement capping of clients due to the enormous workload pressures placed upon our staff.

This is the reality, of a culturally safe and accessible Aboriginal Legal Service, which many of our people prefer to utilise. This applies not only in SA but is an ongoing pressure point for All Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services in all States and Territories. ALRM requires increased staffing resources to meet the increasing demands placed upon our services. Without additional funding resources being provided the Board has indicated that it will be left with no other option than to reduce casework for our lawyers.

In 2019, ALRM played a key role in establishing the South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations Network – (SAACCON) as the lead SA agency for South Australia in relation to the Closing The Gap Partnership Agreement. There are currently 17 Aboriginal Community Organisations that have joined SAACCON who will be the lead SA Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation body to work in partnership with the SA Government and at the National level to implement the National Closing The Gap Partnership Agreement. We continue to encourage our Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to join so that we have strong voice from our Aboriginal community sector on developing initiatives in SA in line with the Agreement. Together we can be a united voice and a joined up Aboriginal community sector to drive, monitor and review the Closing the Gap and its implementation for the next 10 years. For more information please visit the SAACCON website.

In late 2019 ALRM received funding from NIAA to deliver a Prison ThroughCare program. The program commenced in October 2019. We have employed four case workers and a Co-ordinator to provide intensive case management support pre-release (up to three months prior to release) to create opportunities to reduce recidivism, to create opportunities for stability in housing, linking to training and employment and healing through accessing other culturally safe and supportive programs in the community.

Over the last 12 months the Board of Directors has worked closely with the Executive Management to develop a future vision for the ALRM. At this Annual Meeting ALRM is proposing changes to its Constitution, seeking the views of Members relating to a name change for the organisation, to be voted upon at the AGM. The ALRM Board has determined that the ALRM four pillars of service delivery focus which best capture our goals under the ALRM Constitution are:

1. ADVOCACY 2. LEGAL REPRESENTATION 3. SUPPORT SERVICES 4.REHABILITATION

ALRM has attracted an increase of donors who wish to make in-kind donations to support the work we do. We thank all our supporters and in kind donors for helping us to make a difference for our people involved in the justice system.

We also thank our funders for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, the SA Attorney Generals Department, Department Correctional Services, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, Commonwealth Bank and Wyatt Trust for their ongoing support.

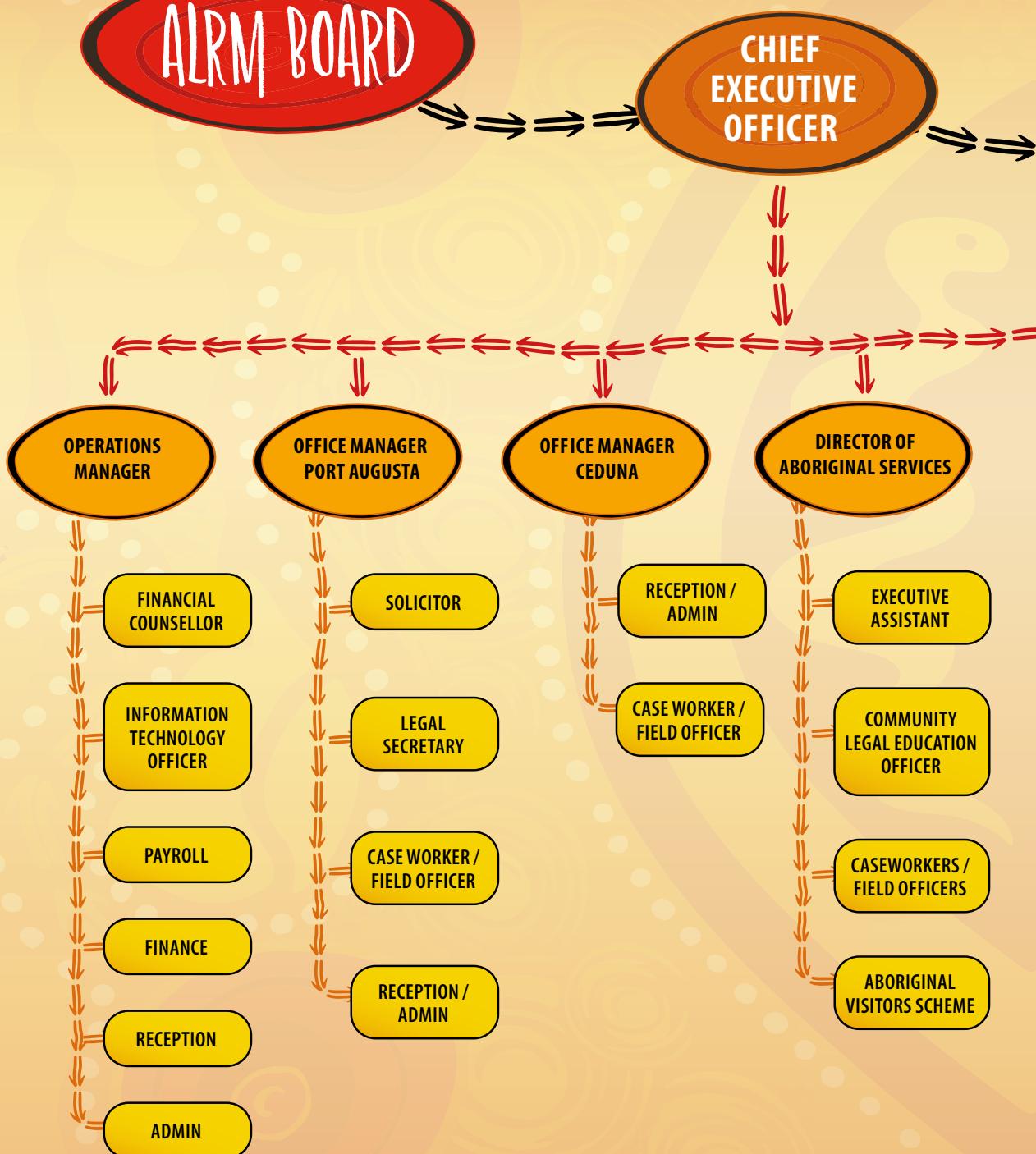
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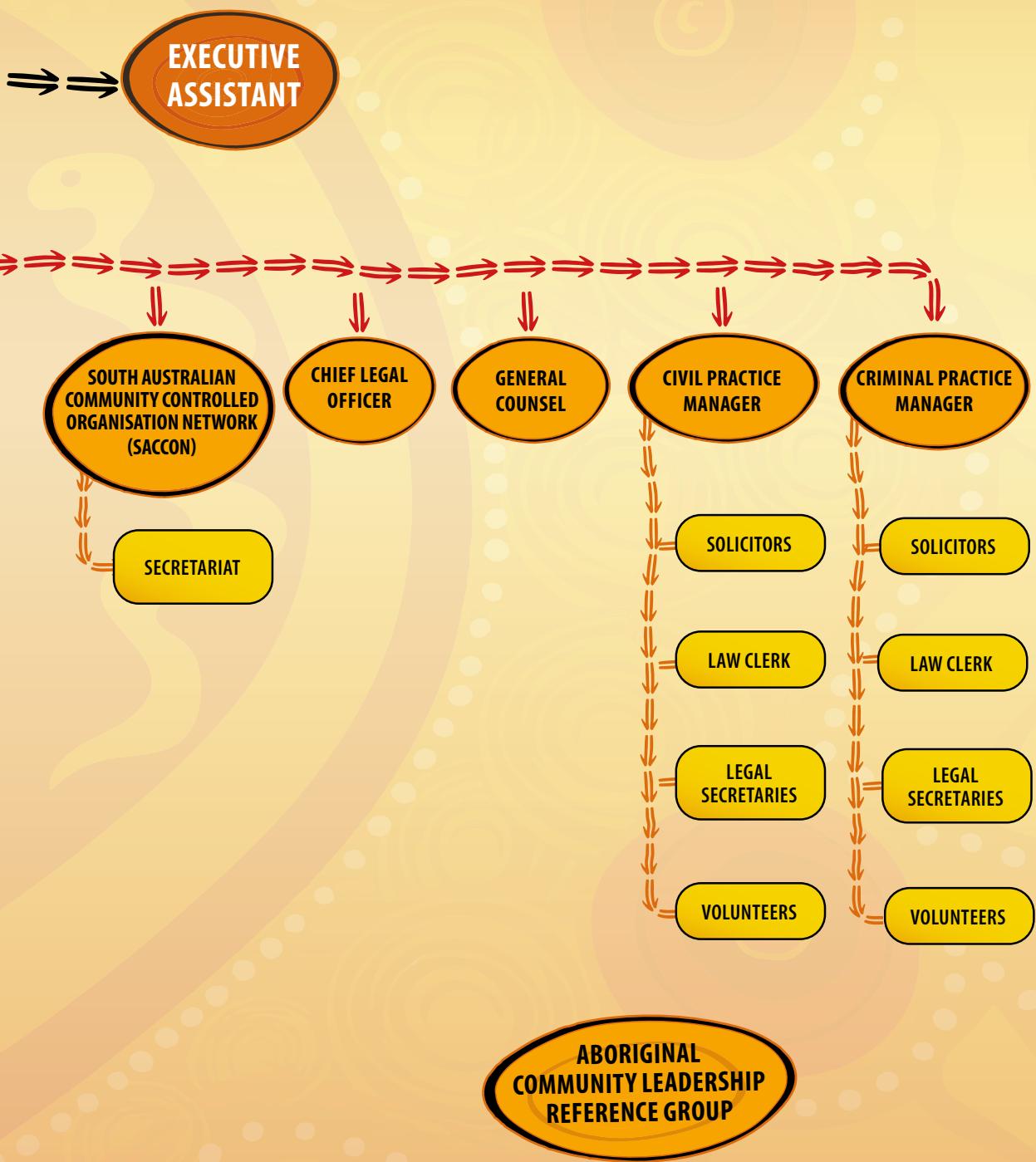
Cheryl Axleby, Chief Executive Officer



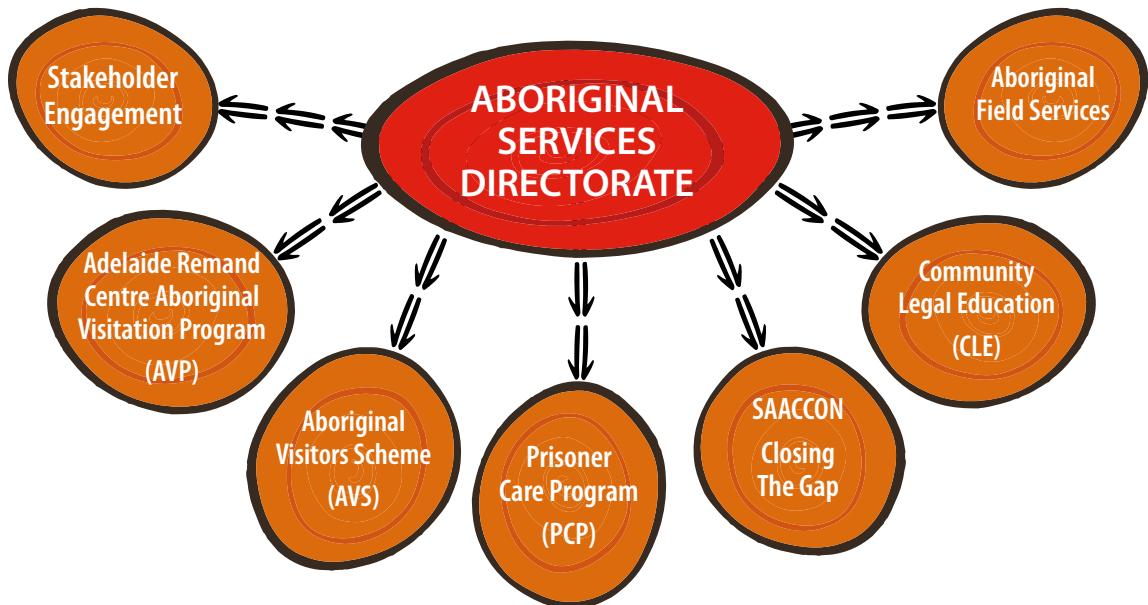


ALRM BOARD





ABORIGINAL SERVICES REPORT



Ruth Miller
Director for ASD

The Aboriginal Services Directorate (ASD) service delivery functions completed a successful year of client and stakeholder engagement despite the challenges of COVID-19 on daily business activities.

The Director for ASD, Ruth Miller, led the directorate to deliver culturally safe and sensitive outcomes to the South Australian Aboriginal community. The ASD consists of the following functions:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- AVP/ AVS
- PCP
- SAACCON/ CTG
- CLE
- AFS

ARC AVS (AVP)

Police Station AVS Workers
Adelaide City Watch House
Elizabeth
Port Adelaide
Sturt/Christies Beach
Berri
Ceduna
Port Augusta

Elijah Caon
Shaun Russell & William Cooper
John Freesmith & Kaylyn Giles
Lana Lloyd & Dylan Branson
Daniel Matthews
Vacant
Frank Klavora



▲ The Aboriginal Services Directorate Team

South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network for Closing the Gap (SAACCON) 2019/2020 Report for ALRM

- SAACCON is South Australia's peak body for Closing the Gap and brings together the collective voices of South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), as equal and shared-decision makers, and feeds them into the new national and state policy directions for Closing the Gap (CTG).
- As South Australia's peak body for Closing the Gap, SAACCON is a member of the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (the Coalition of Peaks).
- In March 2019, a formal Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap was finalised and set out the agreed arrangements between the Coalition of Peaks and Australian Governments. It also set out how they would work together in partnership in the development and implementation of a new National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
- On 30 June 2020, the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap (Agreement) was signed off. The Agreement consists of four Priority Reform Targets and 16 Socio-Economic Targets in areas including education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Who is SAACCON?

SAACCON is auspiced by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) and is supported by a Secretariat; based in the Adelaide ALRM office. SAACCON is funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, through Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR).

SAACCON is Independent

SAACCON is independent of the state government, and independent of ALRM, respectively. Unlike other states and territories, South Australia has not had an established structure that brings together Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) as a Network, in relation to Closing the Gap initiatives that are broader than health alone. SAACCON, through its membership, is instrumental in addressing this gap in South Australia.

SAACCON Members are Equal Partners at SAACCON Table

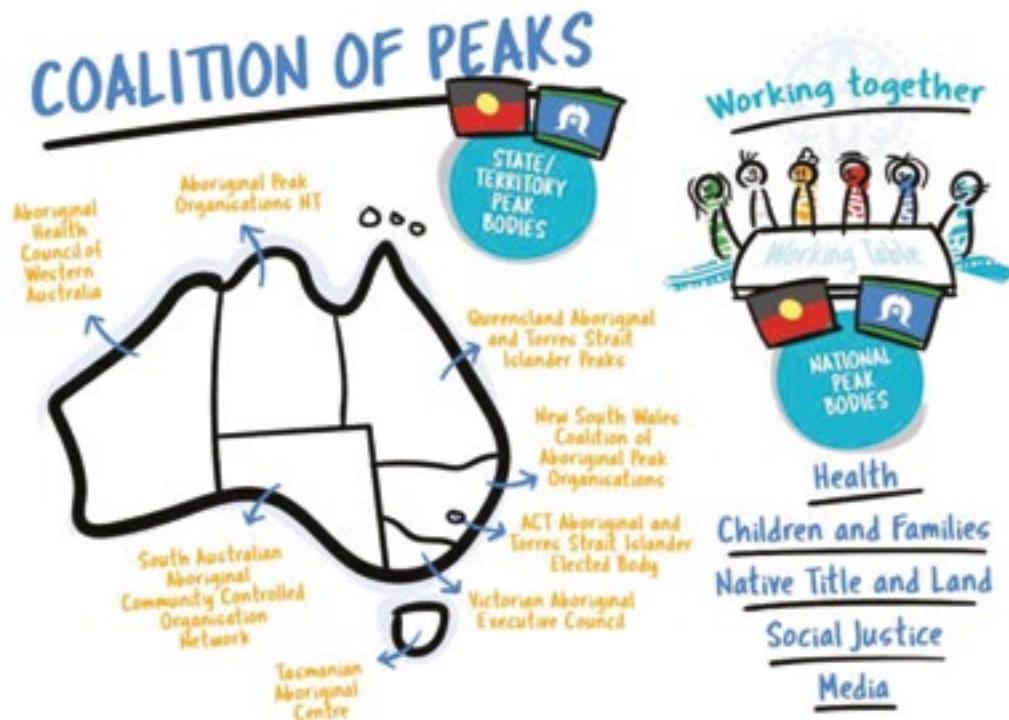
SAACCON consists of 17 Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) across urban, regional, and remote based South Australia.

Australian Governments Working With Our People in a New Inclusive Way to CTG

Historically, this is the first time that an intergovernmental agreement has been signed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, not selected by governments, and sets out shared decision-making on Closing the Gap.

SAACCON Activity for 2019/20

State funding for this period has been allocated to resource and support the Establishment and Operations of SAACCON for Closing the Gap. Funding for Community Engagement phase (from September to November 2019), carried out by SAACCON in South Australia, on behalf of the Coalition of Peak was also allocated.





In this reporting period, the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 and consequent imposed restrictions, have significantly reduced SAACCON's ability to fully implement its state Work Plan for the March 2020 to August 2020 period. Staff turnover has also reduced SAACCON's capacity during this time. Despite this, SAACCON has continued to put in place strategies and internal processes to strengthen its foundation and advance its establishment, operations, and communications.

SAACCON Establishment included:

- Development of 12-month SAACCON Work Plan (State)
- Workforce Recruitment:
 - Appointment of Policy and Communications Officer (Dec 2019)
 - Appointment of SAACCON Administration Support Officer
- Membership Drive to grow SAACCON ACCO membership in alignment with National CTG Targets
- Development of SAACCON Members Meeting Schedule for 2019/2020
- IT resources, including software and to support participation and inclusiveness of regional and remote based members at SAACCON Meetings (due to COVID-19)
- Reviewing and updating SAACCON Terms of Reference to reflect progress
- Forming SAACCON's governance, voting and operational arrangements
- SAACCON meetings to provide national updates and to relay SA position into state and national CTG structures and processes
- Establishment of sub-committees to progress SAACCON business
- Forming and updating and implementing SAACCON Communications Strategy

The establishment and operations of SAACCON are ongoing. SAACCON has a two-Day Facilitated Workshop for its members scheduled in December 2020 to finalise SAACCON governance arrangements, priorities, and strategic directions, and how it will work with the state to develop a SA Jurisdictional Action Plan for implementation of the National Agreement for Closing the Gap.

Structured National CTG Meetings

In addition to regular state meeting commitments such as monthly SAACCON Members meetings and meetings with Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and engagement meetings with community and external networks, SAACCON is also engaged in structured national meetings; contributing to negotiations and relaying the SA position through its membership of Coalition of Peaks.

Structured National CTG Meetings include: National Policy and Communication Officer meetings (monthly), and as required, to contribute inform development of communication resources and communication strategies and to advise and monitor progress and implementation of national communication strategies at the national and state level.

Fig. 1 below shows the structured National CTG Meetings which include: Coalition of Peaks meetings (fortnightly), Partnership Working Group Meetings (monthly), Joint Council Meetings (quarterly) and additional special purpose meetings as required.

Figure One : Structured National CTG Meetings



For latest information go to the Coalition of Peaks website: <https://coalitionofpeaks.org.au/>

COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

The role of Community Legal Education Officer (CLE) is to provide our community with information and knowledge around current laws in South Australia and how they affect Aboriginal people. The ALRM CLE Program plays an important role in engaging, educating and informing the Aboriginal community about their legal rights and responsibilities, and ALRM services.

The CLE Officer is primarily responsible for:

- Engaging with Aboriginal communities
- Coordinating ALRM Community Events
- Development, management and distribution of ALRM promotional and educational material
- Implementing ALRM communication strategy
- Networking with service providers and other organisations
- Producing a quarterly newsletter, annual report, media releases and other publications as directed.
- Maintaining of ALRM information such as our website, Facebook, ALRM YouTube page and twitter
- Research and submission writing
- Assist in the application of funding grants to enable the carrying out of CLE functions
- Developing and delivering CLE programs and presentations to community and wider sector
- Assists with support programs that are aimed at addressing some of the issues known to contribute to Aboriginal people coming into contact with the justice system.



▲ Indigenous Blind Cricket Community Event

2019/20 Events

- Journey Lab for Youth in Detention Adelaide CBD
- Represent ALRM @ community events – stalls etc
- Apology Breakfast
- National Apology Day
- Indigenous Blind Cricket Community Event
- SAPOL Training at the Academy Media Releases and support with liaising with media

Aboriginal Field Officers provide a valuable, culturally relevant role supporting our clients in their interactions within the criminal justice system.

As the first point of contact for clients and other agencies, Aboriginal Field Officers are the vital link between clients, Solicitors, Police, Department of Correctional Services, and other community organisations. This is a unique service not provided by other organisations, or other legal representatives.

Our current Aboriginal Field Officers include:

- Robert Gillespie
- Jordan Agius
- Zoe Saunders
- Dylan Austin
- Cliff Wilson
- David Sumner
- Deelia Richards
- Lahn Mickan
- Gavin Haseldine

Our Field Officers will:

- Explain clients' rights
- Provide support during Police interviews, Bail Reviews, Forensic Procedures, and Court appearance,
- Offer advice on Police and Court processes
- Attend residential addresses, and correctional facilities to obtain instructions for Solicitors
- Respond to field calls from Solicitors, other ALRM staff, and clients
- Be the contact point between clients and Police, and community organisations
- Prioritise juvenile clients, prisoners, and vulnerable community members
- We are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including all public holidays
- Adelaide-based Field Officers cover the Adelaide metropolitan area, Kadina, and the Riverland, including Murray Bridge
- Our regional Field Officers cover their corresponding regions of Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, and Ceduna
- The Senior Field Officer provides supervision and back up support to all Field Officers across the State
- Attendance to Courts, Police stations, correctional facilities, and community have been greatly affected during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Our Field Officers have adapted to these challenging times, providing non-contact telephone attendance, utilising electronic and online communication when available.



▲ Field Officers Dylan and Rob



▲ The Prisoner Care Program team

Our Field Officers attend the following courts, supporting clients and our Solicitors:

- Adelaide Magistrates Court
- Adelaide Youth Court
- District Court
- Port Adelaide Magistrate Court
- Elizabeth Magistrate Court
- Murray Bridge Magistrates Court
- Berri Magistrates Court
- Port Augusta Magistrates Court
- Whyalla Magistrates Court
- Port Lincoln Magistrates Court
- Ceduna Magistrates Court
- Our regional Field Officers also provide support on the Coober Pedy Court Circuit, and the APY Lands Court Circuit, travelling alongside our Solicitors.

ALRM Field Officers also attend the various Aboriginal Courts:

- Nunga Court in Port Adelaide Magistrates Court
- Nunga Court in Murray Bridge Magistrates Court
- Aboriginal Community Court in Elizabeth (ACCE)
- Aboriginal Community Court in Adelaide (ACCA).

CIVIL, FAMILY LAW & CHILD PROTECTION

The Civil Section throughout the past year, despite COVID-19, has continued to deliver services across South Australia.

Our services range from providing advice, legal education/information, dispute resolution, duty services through to litigation with a strong focus on areas of law that directly impact the community. This includes family violence, family law, child protection, discrimination, unlawful removals (Stolen Generation) and abuse in care, past and present.

Our experienced solicitors work closely with our Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner ensuring that we provide a wrap-around service that addresses our clients legal and non-legal needs including financial support, homelessness, substance abuse and mental health.

ALRM has continued to play a key role in promoting the Royal Commission into Violence Abuse Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disabilities. Our Community Legal Education Officer provides support and assistance for people with a disability to understand their rights and to protect those rights.

We continue to be committed to helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through advocacy and education by providing a service that is culturally competent and in line with the organisation's Core Values.



▲ Front row (L to R): George Lesses, Dimitra Droulias
Back row (L to R): Lynn Valentine, Sharon Lucas, Simon Perrie
Absent: Josie Jones and Chelsea Marks

Family Law and Child Protection

The service provided by our Family Law and Child Protection solicitors is focussed on helping families navigate through the Family Law and Child Protection systems and processes that involves legal representation and mediation. Family Law applications before the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander List in the Federal Circuit Court have steadily increased this year. Feedback from clients has been positive as the List offers a culturally safe environment to clients in metropolitan, regional and remote areas of South Australia.

Throughout the year we worked closely with SA Pathways and the Steering Committee together with Her Honour Judge Kelly of the Federal Circuit Court in developing Roadshows to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to provide information regarding family law and child protection law to people experiencing family breakdown. Due to COVID-19 Roadshows that were scheduled in Adelaide and Port Augusta for April and June 2020 unfortunately have been postponed to 2021.

Case Study One - Family Law (FAMILY VIOLENCE) - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander List

In this matter the mother fled family violence by the father from interstate to SA with young children where all of her family is located. There was a long standing status quo and the risk was that the mother would be ordered back to return with the children pending trial.

ALRM was successful in providing sufficient evidence of violence by the father to the mother in the presence of the children in and arguing that the mother should be able to remain in SA with the children on an interim basis due to the unacceptable risk to the children's psychological wellbeing should they be returned where the mother had no family or supports.

Case Study Two - Child Protection (MENTAL HEALTH)

ALRM represented a mother who had her new born removed immediately following the birth. The matter was listed in court after the child's birth. The grounds of removal related to the mother's mental health. ALRM obtained a report from the mother's psychologist which concluded the mother's mental health was stabilised and did not impede her capacity to parent. ALRM was successful in dismissing the Department of Child Protection's (DCP) application for guardianship of the child. The child was returned to the mother's care.

Case Study Three – National Redress Scheme into Sexual Abuse

ALRM made an application on behalf of a client under the National Redress Scheme. The case involved a client being removed from their family in the 1960s. The client was placed in a foster placement where the person was subjected to sexual abuse by the adopted family. The client agreed to accept an offer for a significant sum.

Case Study Four - Stolen Generation

This case involved an unlawful removal, a "consent" was obtained from a client's mother in 1950s, on an Adoption form. The legal status of the consent was a central issue in this matter. In 1950s the client was placed in a Children's Home and subsequently fostered out to numerous foster families. ALRM negotiated on behalf of the client and settled the matter for a significant amount.

Case Study Five – Eviction Notice (SACAT)

A mother sought assistance in relation to an eviction notice she received from Housing SA. The Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner advocated on behalf of the client before (SACAT). The outcome allowed the mother to remain in the property and a payment plan was implemented to avoid further rental arrears. The Aboriginal Family Support Practitioner also made a referral for financial counselling on behalf of the client.

Our civil work is wide ranging from general civil legal problems in the Magistrates Court or the South Australian Civil and Administration Tribunal (SACAT). These matters mostly relate to contesting eviction notices, child protection, fines, Centrelink debts and guardianship orders. The Section also deals with negligence common law claims and motor vehicle claims where proceedings are filed in the Magistrates Court or the District Court of South Australia as well as Human Rights Commission complaints issued on behalf of clients seeking compensation. Our Senior Civil solicitor continues to provide exceptional service to Stolen Generation survivors, applicants of the National Redress Scheme into Sexual Abuse and Victims of Crime/Criminal Injury Compensation claims.

Law Reform and Policy

The Civil section continue to advocate for change to law and policy. Our policy and law reform activities focus on the cultural and justice needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the Child Protection system and the safety for women and children in the Family Law system. We made submissions regarding the 12 month Review of the Children and Young People Safety Act 2017 with particular emphasis of the failure to adhere to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Placement Principle and the ongoing concern of the steady increase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out of home care. We continue to advocate changes to the Oversight and Advocacy Bodies Act 2016 seeking amendments (a) for the creation of an Independent Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People with all the same powers and functions as the Commissioner for Children and young People (b) ensuring there is adequate Aboriginal representation on the Child death and Serious Injury Committee and the Child Development Council.

We will continue to be active in relation to legislative and other policy proposals to address the circumstances our clients face when encountering the legal system.

Finally, I wish to thank the Civil Team for their hard work and dedication in delivering exceptional service to our clients.

The Civil Team:

Dimitra Droulias	Civil Practice Director
Tori Lauder	Law Clerk
Virginia Leek	Senior Family Law/Child Protection Solicitor
George Lesses	Senior Civil Solicitor
Sharon Lucas	Civil Solicitor
Chelsea Marks	Civil Solicitor
Carolynne McLean	Legal Secretary
Jane Nelson	Community Legal Education Officer
Narrah O Loughlin	Civil Solicitor
Teresa Scott	Senior Family Law/Child Protection Solicitor
Lynn Valentine	Senior Family Law Solicitor
Jean Walla	Aboriginal Family Practitioner

ALRM CRIMINAL SECTION



Amanda Lambden
Criminal Practice
Director



Grahame Lang
Senior In House
Counsel



Garen Trustcott
Parole Lawyer
Extended Supervision
Coronial Inquests



Stephanie Moore
Lawyer



Jodie Adams
Law Clerk



**Brittany
Armstrong**
Lawyer



Katja Daly
Law Clerk



Rosie Denny
Lawyer



Josie Jones
Senior Legal
Secretary



Emily Graves
Lawyer

Report by Amanda Lambden, Criminal Practice Director

ALRM was founded with a vision of having Aboriginal community activists, lawyers and supporters fighting for justice for Aboriginal people. This vision was based on a shared commitment to ensuring Aboriginal people have access to justice. ALRM Criminal section fulfils a vital role by offering front-line legal services to our clients. Lawyers, Administrative Staff, Law Clerk and Volunteers work tirelessly together and strive to deliver just outcomes for our clients.

Our aim is a simple one – to provide a culturally safe and high quality legal service for Aboriginal people who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The work we do is often demanding. While our clients may initially present with legal problems they are usually linked to other social and economic issues. As we get to know our clients, a broader range of legal problems often emerges. It is therefore fundamental to providing an effective service that we can combine a high level of legal skill with a deep understanding of our clients, their culture and the social issues that impact upon them.

ALRM's lawyers work in an environment where it is easy to be critical and are often on the receiving end of unfair and ill-informed criticism from all; unhappy clients, judicial officers, prosecutors and police, the list is almost endless. However, the Criminal Section Lawyers who are in the trenches on a daily basis are a dedicated and committed group of skilled professionals who provide high quality legal services to the most vulnerable in our community, striving always to achieve justice in what is sometimes an incredibly unjust system.



▲ Nesrin El-Gadba & Leonard Nagle
Elizabeth Magistrates Court.



▲ Philippa Jones & Viv Kenny
Port Adelaide Magistrates Court.

The challenges faced by our Section to provide a service that meets the needs of our clients are compounded by the increasing over representation of Aboriginal people in criminal justice proceedings. We operate in a system beset by challenges. The 'tough on crime' rhetoric prevails in South Australia. The impact of the harshly punitive criminal law is overwhelmingly felt by Aboriginal people.

ALRM Criminal Section focus remains on providing service to both youth and adult clients from arrest to parole. Our Lawyers expertise includes Duty Solicitor to Counsel.

A benefit of in-house counsel is that it allows early briefing, resulting in expert advice and better client outcomes. Counsel regularly appears in complex Magistrate Court Trials and Jury trials before the District Court and Supreme Court with a high rate of success for our clients. With the assistance of Counsel, we actively instituted Appeals and Reviews where we had outcomes which we deemed to be unfair, unjust or erroneous. Not every matter was won but each was fought with determination and excellent forensic analysis.

ALRM Criminal Lawyers focus on the increasing alternatives to sentencing, such as Aboriginal Sentencing Conferences and also focus on community-led Court Programs such as Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide, Aboriginal Community Court Elizabeth, Murray Bridge Aboriginal Sentencing Court and Port Adelaide Nunga Court. This work will continue to be a priority over the next 12 months.

ALRM Criminal Section also provides legal advice in relation to "deaths in custody". In 2019-2020 the Section provided support to the families of those concerned, including advocacy support before Coronial Inquests and Inquiries.

For nine months of the year our Lawyers travelled far and wide across the State in order to provide "Justice Without Prejudice". The further our clients live from the metropolitan areas, the greater the challenge. This is more apparent in regional and remote South Australia where predominately services are delivered by "fly in fly out" or "drive in drive out" Lawyers.

These outreach services, and all service delivery was dramatically changed as of March 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically changed the way Lawyers worked in representing our vulnerable clients. During this pandemic, it was critical that Lawyers recognised all health and legal issues, take steps to build resilience and manage unprecedented times.

Court appearances moved to telephone however due to difficulties experienced by Lawyers with this process there were many times actual Court appearances were necessitated. Circuit Courts (such as Port Lincoln, Coober Pedy, APY, Ceduna) were conducted from local courts via telephone and Audio Visual Links (AVL). This ensured clients, and particularly those in custody, could have their matters heard and dealt with expeditiously.

Our primary focus of concern was for clients in custody. Throughout the pandemic we continuously lodged Supreme Court Bail Reviews for clients that were refused Bail in Magistrates Courts.

During the peak of the COVID-19 Pandemic there was concern raised by the ALRM Criminal Team for Aboriginal people arrested over the Easter Long Weekend. Consequently, we worked with SAPOL Prosecution and Courts Administration Authority and "2020 Easter Custody Strategy" was developed for the Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Christies Beach and Elizabeth jurisdictions.

The strategy resulted in the sitting of the Adelaide Magistrates Court (AMC), via telephone link, over the 2020 Easter long weekend. This ensured that men arrested over the Easter weekend were not unnecessarily held in the Police Cells. An on-call Magistrate heard bail applications from ALRM Lawyers. Clients arrested on Parole warrants who came before the AMC were also assisted by our Lawyers.

I am extremely proud of the resilience and strength displayed by all Lawyers throughout this period. Lawyers adapted quickly and strategically to working from home and court. Many Lawyers remained on the "pandemic front" attending safely the Police Stations, Courts and Prisons. There were many obstacles and hurdles to overcome which Lawyers did efficiently and effectively.

I would like to thank the amazing team I work with for their support, dedication, hard work, empathy and vision throughout 2019/2020. It has been a year of high activity with many successes along the way. Let us continue with confidence in 2020.

CRIMINAL SECTION STRUCTURE:

Amanda Lambden	Criminal Practice Director
Grahame Lang	Senior In-house Counsel
Garen Truscott	Parole Lawyer / Extended Supervision Orders / Coronial Inquests
Rosie Denny & Taylor Johanson	Major Indictable / Junior Counsel
Alex Hayter	Solicitor / Barrister - Youth Court
Solicitor / Barrister	Magistrates Court
Stephanie Moore, Brittany Armstrong	Adelaide Magistrates Court
Leonard Nagle & Melanie Ayling	Elizabeth Magistrates Court
Leonard Nagle & Melanie Ayling	Maitland / Kadina
Christine Hanna & Simon Perrie	Port Adelaide Magistrates Court
Mark Grogan	Murray Bridge Magistrates Court / Berri Magistrates Court
Stephanie Moore	Ceduna Magistrates Court / Yalata Court
Viv Kenny	Port Lincoln Magistrates Court

ALRM PORT AUGUSTA CRIMINAL LAWYERS

Evanthia Makris	Senior Managing Lawyer
Rachel Lane, Philippa Jones	Solicitor / Barrister
and Gabrielle Karas	

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

Emily Graves & Georgia Hogg	Law Clerks
Josie Jones	Senior Legal Secretary
Mado Nimanis	Legal Secretary

CORPORATE SERVICES

The Corporate Services Department (CSD) of ALRM comprises Human Resource Management, Finance & Accounting, Grant Management, Information Technology, Office Administration and Financial Counselling services. The last year has brought with it extremely challenging times, in particular due to COVID-19. However, the expertise and assistance provided by CSD, contributed significantly to ALRM completing a smooth and timely transition to working remotely. Implementation of new operational processes and procedures continued in earnest throughout the last twelve months. As a result, CSD is now a cohesive centralised service department, providing effective service delivery to internal and external customers and stakeholders.

Corporate Services Team

Andrew Comley	IT Officer
Matthew Cooper	Accountant
Julie Batt	Human Resources Officer
Jan Yamuta	Reception
Joanne Larkins	Reception
Charlee Saunders	Reception
Susan Guley	Financial Counsellor
Lakshmi Narayanan	Team Leader





▲ (L to R): Susan Guley, Lakshmi Narayanan, Joanne Larkins, Charlee Saunders, Jacinta Farrant, Julie Batt and Jan Yamuta.

Some of the key initiatives and achievements over the last year were:

- An increased focus on cash management, enabling a foundation for alternate low risk investment strategies to increase future earnings to further support service delivery
- Creation of specific funds, including a Human Capital and Infrastructure fund, to provide for specific future benefit of ALRM property and employee wellbeing
- Implementation of changed Work, Health and Safety practices and procedures, including for COVID-19
- Migration to a new cloud based HR Management Application, thereby transitioning significant manual workload to digital medium
- Greater use of Information Technology to improve future Service Delivery, including the adoption of new audio-video conferencing technologies and the engagement of consultancy to assist with the ongoing IT transformation strategy
- Cost savings derived through the ongoing review of supplier and service providers
- Increasing the scope and delivery of financial counselling services, including providing Community with help and advice on a remote basis,
- Pro-active relationship management with grantors, enabling the timely carry forward of unspent FY1920 program money into FY2021, due to COVID-19 related restrictions
- Reception's managing of increased workload, including handling the array of Community inquiries and issues throughout the period of COVID-19 restriction,
- Managing the significant increase in donations received towards the end of the financial year. This involved engagement with donors, issuing tax receipts and acknowledging their contribution
- Significant contribution and input into the Strategic Plan for 2020-25
- The Board and its sub-committees are also now well served from a reporting perspective and the coming 12 months promises to be incredibly important, exciting and beneficial year for ALRM, assisted with further progression and/or completion some of the aforementioned Corporate Service initiatives.

PORT AUGUSTA OFFICE REPORT

2019/2020 has been a busy and challenging year as we continue to strive to meet the demands on our service, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic crisis arrived.

Our travels to attend Court Circuits into the APY Lands has been impacted and mostly all court appearance for the Lands have been held via phone and or, Audio Visual Link.

Our solicitors continue to be supported by our invaluable and experienced Field Officers and Administrator with guidance.

The roles of the field officer are unique and crucial, particularly for engagement with remote communities, again especially in these COVID-19 times.

Our office remained in operation with staff supporting Lawyers who worked predominantly from home, overall our staff proved worthy of the demands and workload in these difficult times.

APY Lands Circuits

The APY Lands Court Circuits commence again from 7–11 September and again from the 21–25 September 2020, to get through the backlog of cases that have been on hold due to COVID-19 closures into the Lands, we in the Port Augusta office are particularly concerned about the demands that could be applied to ALRM Lawyers and staff due to COVID-19 by the courts holding courts at Ceremonial times, and we need to be mindful that the delivery of Justice needs to be given in a respectful manner that meets the needs of all.

We also see that more needs to be done in consultation with the CAA regarding times courts are held on the Lands and our concerns need to be listened to at the highest level.

Our criminal section provides services to Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Pirie Coober Pedy and APY Lands.

Financial Counselling

Financial Counselling occurs in all the above listed areas as well and travels with the Court Circuits to provide Financial Counselling services to the communities, we also have obligations to funding bodies as part of funding requirements and obligations to give evidence of 300+ contact with clients that is not an easy task with limited staff (Financial Counsellors) to deliver and achieve.

We have engaged an Intern Trainee Financial Counsellor who is enrolled in and completing her Diploma in Financial Counselling with iCAN Learn an Indigenous RTO based in Cairns QLD.

Funding

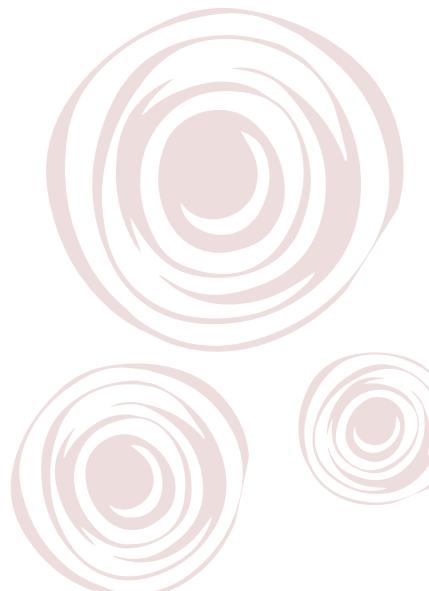
With the possibility of the Commonwealth Bank not continuing our funding for Financial Counselling the Board will need to be aware of the great need of this service, for our communities and especially for a case we commenced over three years ago that is now in the hands of the State Ombudsman. Financial Counselling is a priority service.



▲ The Port Augusta Team

Port Augusta Team

Evanthia Makris	Senior Solicitor Barrister
Rachel Lane	Solicitor Barrister
Georgia Hogg	Solicitor
Gabriel Karas	Solicitor
Carleen Munday	Secretary
Shakira Allen	Secretary
David Sumner	Field Officer
Deelia Richards	Field Officer (part time)
Kenni –Anne Iles	Receptionist
Ralph Coulthard	Financial Counsellor
Deelia Richards	Intern Trainee



CEDUNA OFFICE REPORT

Ceduna Service Delivery

The last 12 months has been extremely challenging for the team on the ground in Ceduna due to having to fill the void of a crucial position being seconded to another office. We were happy to take on the challenge, as we knew it was essential for ALRM to be able to provide a much-needed service to the Port Lincoln community. With that said the team have had to triage and prioritise all matters and workload as it has taken its toll over the last year. The team stripped back to essential services and had to refer other advocacy work, which has previously been delivered in prior years.

Criminal service delivery maintains to function with the support of our Adelaide fly in fly out criminal solicitors – we continue to have such dedicated and committed solicitors who provide the best representation possible for our clients. The working relationship between the ground staff and attending solicitors is one to be proud of, the work performed by each and every staff member involved is to be commended as they all go over and above to deliver a high standard of service. After the January court circuit our Adelaide Criminal Practice Manager proposed to send two solicitors to attend every court circuit – as opposed to only every second Yalata court circuit sitting, in order to manage and cope with caseload and representation, this proposal was approved and saw two solicitors available for the last four circuits of the year.

In the last 12 months Civil and Family service delivery was maintained with initial client instructions being taken by our AFO to pass onto our Adelaide civil solicitors to assess and advise further as to representation. With cases taken on the AFO provided the crucial intermediate contact and for matters that had to be referred they often will remain being some form of a client contact for the private lawyer.

Ceduna office continues to call on our colleagues in the Financial Counselling sector when clients make contact regarding various financial issues. With a similar process to the civil and family services the AFO will take initial client instructions to pass onto our Financial Counselling team in Port Augusta and Adelaide to see if they are in a position to assist and will provide any follow up support as required.

This last year saw Ceduna ALRM continue to be involved with many service meetings and training sessions such as the Ceduna Services Collaboration Group, the Cross Borders Men's DV Program Planning meetings, Meeting with Women's Legal Service representative and the Far West Coast Service COVID-19 update meetings. In addition, our AFO provided a Community Legal Education Session with the participants of the last Cross Borders Men's DV Program.



▲ Ceduna Team. (L to R):
Marelin Matthews, Billy Haseldine,
Kirsty Sansbury and Lahn Mickan.



Contribution to service meetings and community presentations not only allow us to keep up our profile within community but also provides continual insight for us as to what are the current issues and what other services offer.

As with the case of many industries the impact of COVID-19 affected many usual routines and ways of working – we have all had to adapt by working in unusual means. With our doors closed to the public and the Ceduna court being closed for two circuits client contact, file preparation and data management was turned upside down creating additional challenges for staff to overcome and deal with as best as practicable.

The Ceduna Team:

Marelín Matthews	Office Administrator & Legal Secretary
Gavin (Billy) Haseldine	Senior Aboriginal Field Officer (AFO)
Kirsty Sansbury	Receptionist / Admin Support Officer
Stephanie Moore	Solicitor (based in Adelaide) (Ceduna & Yalata court circuits July 2019 to current)
Taylor Johanson	Solicitor (based in Adelaide) (Yalata court circuits only July to December 2019)
Vivian Kenny	Solicitor (based in Adelaide) (Ceduna & Yalata court circuits)
Amanda Lambden	Solicitor (based in Adelaide) (Ceduna court circuit May 2020)

PORT LINCOLN REPORT

The Port Lincoln office has been open and in operation within the local community for 15 months and has been able to maintain its service delivery through the assistance and support of the Adelaide criminal solicitors and the support from the Ceduna office.

In the last 12 months, the Port Lincoln Office has had a total of five solicitors attend the Port Lincoln Magistrates court circuits over that time, though challenging the office was able to maintain and deliver a high level service to our clients.

The majority of work undertaken by our on-the-ground AFO's is around providing support to our attending Solicitor with court preparation, field visits, locating clients, assistance during court week, court file management and data entry before and after court. In addition to the court work, the AFO's have assisted the community in advocacy work relating to fines, licence issues and photo ID's (majority of clients traveling from outside of the local area e.g. Ceduna, Port Augusta and Adelaide).

Port Lincoln Magistrates Court

The allocated solicitor attends the circuits in person, normally flying over from Adelaide on the Sunday prior and staying until Friday afternoon. During their time, the solicitor attends court, meets with clients, meets with Prosecution, and attends the Port Lincoln Prison to visit ALRM clients. Whilst the attending solicitor is in community, the AFO's continue to provide the high standard of support and assistance required.

Audio Video Link (AVL) sittings

This allocated court day is done via AVL from the Adelaide Magistrates Court. The Magistrate and ALRM solicitor appear via AVL, our field officers attend from the Port Lincoln Court in order to navigate and support our clients to speak with the solicitors over the phone before they go into court.

Special Justice Days sitting

In late 2019 the Senior Registrar of the Port Lincoln Courts enquired whether or not ALRM can have representation at the Special Justice sittings. In August 2019 our Port Lincoln solicitor started appearing via AVL for the Special Justice Sittings and the AFO's attended in person.

In the last financial year the Port Lincoln office has been fortunate to be a part of two very important service meetings, the Domestic Violence Meeting – facilitated by HH Jai McGrath and the Vulnerable Young Persons framework meetings – facilitated by West Coast Youth and Community Support.



▲ Vivian Kenny

COVID-19

Unfortunately, the Port Lincoln office and organisation as a whole has been affected by the fallout of the pandemic. There was scope to increase the service delivery in Port Lincoln by way of interviewing for an addition position to be based in the office – but due to having to close our doors to the public ALRM could not warrant the position going forward with the current COVID-19 climate and was forced to retract the position.

The Port Lincoln Team:

Lahn Mickan Senior Aboriginal Field Officer

Hippy Wanganeen Aboriginal Field Officer/Admin Support

Ben Sturm (June – August 2019) Solicitor (based in Adelaide)

Vivian Kenny (October 2019 – Current) Solicitor (based in Adelaide)

▼ ALRM Pt Lincoln - Hippy and Lahn

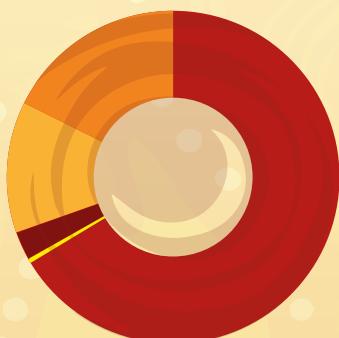


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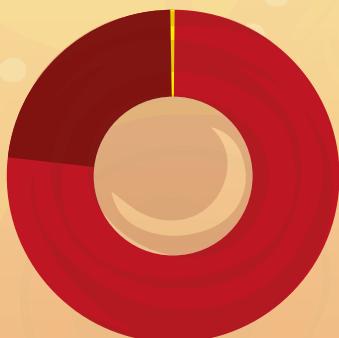
CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS 2010-2020

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE
2010-2011	22	70
2011-2012	10	78
2012-2013	8	65
2013-2014	10	79
2014-2015	9	86
2015-2016	30	134
2016-2017	33	120
2017-2018	32	115
2018-2019	57	131
2019-2020	55	119



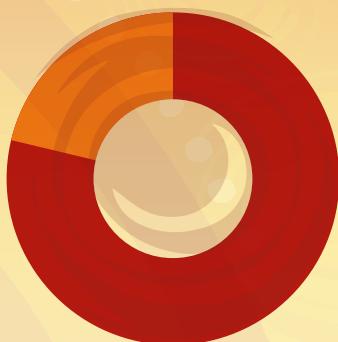
CRIMINAL DUTY 2019-2020

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	35
ADULT	913
YOUTH	241
CHILD	170
UNKNOWN	2



CRIMINAL CASE MATTERS 2019-2020

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	2144
MALE	7051
NOT STATED	5



CRIMINAL DUTY 2019-2020

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	285
MALE	1076



CRIMINAL CASE MATTERS 2019-2020

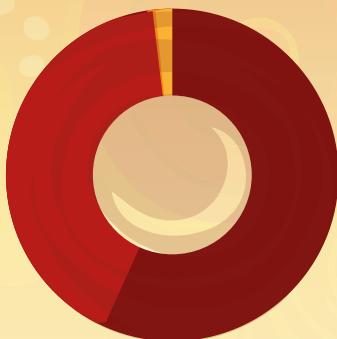
AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	234
ADULT	6357
YOUTH	1712
CHILD	898



CIVIL DUTY 2019-2020

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	26
MALE	24

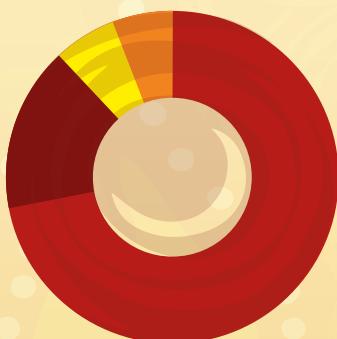
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CIVIL CASE MATTERS 2019-2020

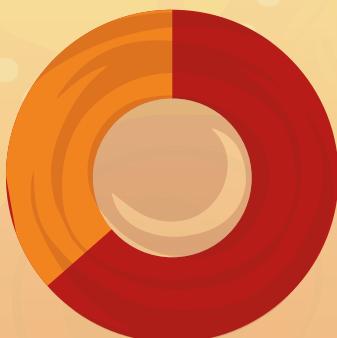
GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	375
MALE	273
N/A	1
NOT STATED	12

(all in the "AGED" demographic - 661 Total)



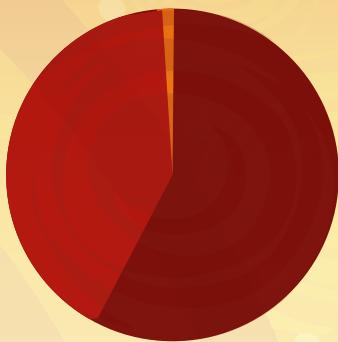
CIVIL DUTY 2019-2020

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	8
ADULT	36
YOUTH	3
CHILD	3



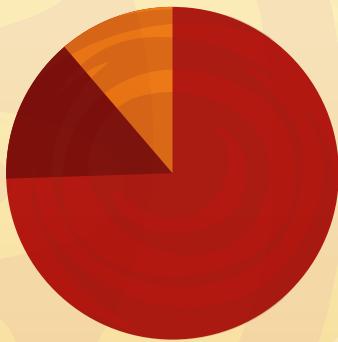
FAMILY DUTY 2019-2020

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	7
MALE	11



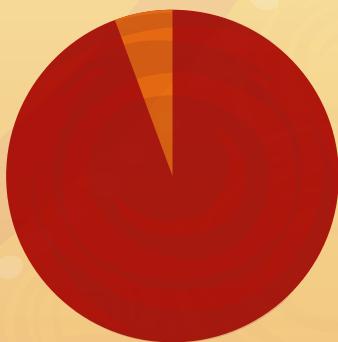
FAMILY CASE MATTERS 2019-2020

GENDER	QTY
FEMALE	91
MALE	77
N/A	1



FAMILY CASE MATTERS 2019-2020

AGE GROUP	QTY
AGED	24
ADULT	126
YOUTH	19



FAMILY DUTY 2019-2020

AGE GROUP	QTY
ADULT	17
YOUTH	1





ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (ALRM)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

ABN: 32 942 723 464

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

ABN: 32 942 722 464

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Directors' Report

30 June 2020

The directors present their report on Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Sandra Saunders	Chairperson	Resigned 9 July 2020
Sandy Miller	Acting Chair	Appointed 21 April 2020
Rosney Snell	Deputy Chair	Appointed 9 July 2020
Brenda Carter	Treasurer	
Lucy Evans		
Lyn Jones		
Francis Lampard		
David Rathman		
Ian Samsbury		Resigned 16 March 2020
Tina Quidambo		Appointed 21 April 2020
Chris Larkins	Alternate Director	Appointed 9 July 2020

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement during the financial year was to provide legal services to the Aboriginal Community in South Australia.

At the onset of COVID-19, the Government classified ALRM's legal service delivery as an Essential Service and therefore there was no suspension of operations nor reduction in revenue. However, due to social distancing requirements and restrictions surrounding travel between March 2020 and June 2020, it was necessary for ALRM to switch to servicing most Clients (both regional and metropolitan) remotely, rather than via face to face contact. As a consequence, and with visits to remote Communities and access to prisons and police stations suspended, the number of Client referrals for non-legal service program activities, including for financial counselling and custodial and prisoner assistance and care reduced slightly, and therefore some grant monies remained unspent as at the end of June 2020. ALRM has obtained specific approvals from the grantors to carry forward all such funds into the 2020-2021 financial year for deployment in future service delivery and these monies have been quarantined into bank accounts, as applicable.

There were no significant changes in the nature of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement's principal activities during the financial year.

Benefits as a result of contracts

During the financial year, there were no benefits received or entitled to be received as a result of a contract between an officer, firm or body corporate and the Company.

Payments and other benefits

No payments or benefits of a pecuniary value were received by any officers of the Company during the financial year.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

ABN: 32 942 723 464

Directors' Report

30 June 2020

Operating results

The profit of the Company amounted to \$600 (2019: \$1,541).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: *S. Miller*
Sandy Miller

Director: *B. Carter*
Brenda Carter

Dated 1 October 2020

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

ABN: 32 942 723 464

**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020**

		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	6,017,738	5,465,520
Other income	4	310,627	181,820
Employee benefits expense		(4,496,750)	(4,200,417)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		(321,187)	(155,733)
Occupancy costs		(62,067)	(92,369)
Motor vehicle and travel costs		(251,826)	(345,805)
Other expenses		(1,173,175)	(831,385)
Finance cost	5	<u>(6,260)</u>	-
Profit for the year		17,100	21,541
Non operating income	4	57,850	6,991
Transfer to reserves and funds		(74,350)	(26,991)
Fair value movements in land and buildings		<u>483,849</u>	<u>(21,632)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		487,349	(41,632)
Total comprehensive income for the year		484,449	(20,091)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

ABN: 32 942 723 464

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	2,810,582	2,436,799
Trade and other receivables	7	252,004	14,326
Other assets	8	123,630	125,768
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,186,216	2,576,893
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	4,397,244	4,071,771
Right-of-use assets	10	183,398	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		4,580,642	4,071,771
TOTAL ASSETS		7,766,858	6,648,664
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	206,821	160,422
Current tax liabilities	12	14,085	49,555
Employee benefits	13	459,064	396,742
Lease liabilities	10	130,280	-
Contract liabilities and Service Obligations	14	1,116,175	843,451
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,926,425	1,440,170
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	13	61,416	45,103
Lease liabilities	10	56,827	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		118,243	45,103
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,044,668	1,485,273
NET ASSETS		5,722,190	5,163,391
EQUITY			
Reserves		3,283,927	2,725,728
Retained earnings		2,438,263	2,437,663
TOTAL EQUITY		5,722,190	5,163,391

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

2020

	Retained Earnings	Asset Realisation Reserve	Special Reserve	Human Capital & Infrastructure Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	2,437,663	2,151,686	574,042	-	5,163,391
Profit attributable to members of the entity	74,950	-	-	-	74,950
Transfer to reserves and funds	(74,350)	-	-	-	(74,350)
Revaluation increment (decrement)	-	483,849	-	-	483,849
Transfer to reserves	-	-	7,850	66,500	74,350
Balance at 30 June 2020	2,438,263	2,635,535	581,802	66,500	5,722,190

2019

	Retained Earnings	Asset Realisation Reserve	Special Reserve	Human Capital & Infrastructure Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2018	2,436,122	2,173,318	600,000	-	5,206,440
Profit attributable to members of the entity	28,532	-	-	-	28,532
Transfer to reserves	(26,991)	-	-	-	(26,991)
Realised decrement on property sold during the year	-	(21,632)	-	-	(21,632)
Transfer to special reserve	-	-	26,991	-	26,991
Transfer from special reserve	-	-	(52,949)	-	(52,949)
Balance at 30 June 2019	2,437,663	2,151,686	574,042	-	5,163,391

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Responsible Persons' Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Responsible person ... 
Sandy Miller

Responsible person ... 
Brenda Carter

Dated 01 October 2020

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

Independent Audit Report to the members of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intends to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Registered Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

ACCA	Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide
ACCE	Aboriginal Community Court Elizabeth
ADAC	Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council
AFCS	Aboriginal Financial Counselling Service
AFO	Aboriginal Field Officer
AGD	Attorney Generals Department
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AJO's	Aboriginal Justice Officers
ALRM	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
APY	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY Lands)
ARC	Adelaide Remand Centre
ATSIISL	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
AVS	Aboriginal Visitors Scheme
CARP	Contact Arrangements Review Panel
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLE	Community Legal Education
CPD	Compulsory Professional Development
CSD	Corporate Services Division
DCS	Department of Correctional Services
EA	Executive Assistant
ILAP	Indigenous Legal Assistance Program
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal Islander Day of Celebration
NATSILS	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
NIAA	National Indigenous Australians Agency
PADIC	Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
PCP	Prisoner Care Program
PLT	Professional Legal Training
SAACCON	South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Network
SACAT	South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
SALAF	South Australian Legal Assistance Forum
SAPOL	South Australian Police







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